

# FARAWAY CAYES

An aerial photograph of a small, sandy island in the middle of a shallow lagoon. The island features several buildings with light-colored roofs and walls, a small boat docked at a pier, and some palm trees. The lagoon water is a mix of light green and yellowish-brown, indicating shallow depths and sandy bottoms. Surrounding the lagoon is a vast, dark blue and green coral reef system that extends to the edge of the deep blue ocean. The overall scene is a tropical, remote location.

FLY FISH GUANAJA

# FARAWAY CAYES

Fly Fish Guanaja developed a remote basecamp on a small Caribbean island 160 miles east of Guanaja.

Guanaja locals have worked on these islands for generations in lobster, shrimp, and snapper boats. We are the first fly-fishers and tourists to inhabit these islands.

Although the area has been a resource for fishermen, bonefish and permit have been left alone to grow and multiply in ways that must be seen to be believed.

The Faraway Cayes is home to several giant schools of bonefish, down to big singles that are much larger on average than typical Central American bonefish, with some pushing double digits.

The permit fishery is world-class. Many shots a day are expected, and several are landed in a week. The average permit weighs over 15 pounds, and some reach over 50.



# FARAWAY CAYES OUTPOST CAMP

Base camp is simple, comfortable, and well-equipped. A large yurt is located at one end, while two new cabins sit at the other end, both offering incredible views of the flats. The headquarters, which includes a restaurant and bar, is situated in the center of the camp.



Food is the highlight of the trip. Fresh seafood, like fish, shrimp, and lobster, is served. Chefs from Fly Fish Guanaja bring their expertise to Faraway Cayes, along with fresh Honduran fruits and vegetables. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, fruit, and more. Lunch is wraps, sandwiches, or empanadas. Appetizers like conch fritters are served during cocktail hour, and dinner features chicken, pork, lobster, and fish.

# THE FISHING

The Faraway Cayes are part of a massive reef system stretching hundreds of miles offshore of Honduras and eventually into Nicaraguan waters. The reef is not continuous but is cut through with channels, with blue water separating sections of the reef.

The depth is variable, with deeper flats making up the majority of the terrain, but there are also plenty of cayes, sandbars, turtle grass flats, and other shallow structures on the back side of the solid coral. The shallow water is clustered in select areas along the reef, often separated by long distances.

Typically, the fishing is split about half-and-half between wading and poling the skiff. These are not the endless ankle-deep flats of the Bahamas. But that topography presents a tradeoff most fly fishermen will take. The shallow turtle grass is full of permit and lots of triggerfish. The sandy patches hold vast schools of bonefish.





# PERMIT

The Faraway Cayes is surrounded by mystique. Because they have not experienced any pressure on the flats of any kind, the Permit are bigger, smarter, and can be more easily spooked than the average.

During the right tidal periods, permit tail over the skinny turtle grass flats. When tides are not conducive to tailing, they hunt by hiding underneath eagle rays as the rays cruise slightly deeper flats. The fish hiding under the rays will follow and eat flies aggressively. Seeing a permit materialize and chase down a rapidly stripped shrimp fly is a wild and unique sight.

Under normal conditions, anglers will encounter dozens of fish tailing and cruising the skinny flats for part of the day and plenty of additional opportunities for fish in other scenarios (with rays, for example) the remainder of the day.

---

ADOPT THE PACE OF NATURE: HER SECRET IS PATIENCE

# BONEFISH

The Faraway Cayes are home to large schools of bonefish of all sizes. Fish of similar size tend to school together and are easy to locate in the ultra-shallow waters. They are not selective.

Sometimes, the biggest fish are solitary, but they are also found in schools, so part of the challenge is getting the granddaddy to eat when surrounded by hundreds of other fish.

Some of the bonefish are trophy-sized, much larger than in other parts of Central America, with coral fringing most of the flats, making it a challenge to land the big ones.





# OTHER SPECIES

The Faraway Cayes boast lots of big triggerfish. Unlike in many locations, these triggers will actively chase and eat flies. They are not pushovers; it takes a well-presented fly to avoid spooking them. Achieving a solid hook set can also be difficult since triggers have teeth and hard mouths. However, they are good-sized fish that tail on the flats, provide a challenge, and will expose your backing in seconds when hooked — what more could you ask for?

Triggers frequent the same water as permit and will eat the same flies, and thus require no time out from permit fishing. They are great targets of opportunity, and we consider the fishing for triggers a huge bonus.

Tarpon, snook, huge barracuda, jacks, snapper, sharks, and other reef and blue-water species are present. These species have unique qualities and provide variety for anglers who like mixing it up.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## CURRENCY

US dollars are widely accepted in Honduras but must be unmarked and unripped. \$100, \$50, \$10, \$5, and \$1 bills are preferred, while \$20 bills are not recommended. Please refer to the attached gratuity guide for more information.

## WATER

Bring a water bottle as purified drinking water is provided. Water is limited, so enjoy quick showers.

## DRINKS:

Included at basecamp are beer, wine, rum, sodas, and water. In Roatan, you can purchase specialty bottles and bring them to Faraway with no problem.

## POWER

Basecamp is run with on-demand solar and generator power. There are power outlets for charging anything or running sleep apnea machines.

## COMMUNICATION

Supply boat is equipped with StarLink for full Wifi connection; many guests bring InReach devices to text anytime.

## TRAVEL

The 50 mile boat ride from Puerto Lempira to the Faraway Cayes takes 3 hours. The ride is comfortable in a twin engine speed boat with bean bag chairs. However, if you tend to get sea sick bring appropriate medication.

### LAUNDRY:

Laundry will be done in the middle of the week, so make sure to bring 4 changes of clothes.

### TRIP INSURANCE:

We recommend that guests purchase trip insurance as deposits are non-refundable and cancellations are non-refundable. If your flights are delayed and connections are missed, Fly Fish Guanaja is not responsible for arranging alternative travel, including flights, hotels, meals, or any other expenses incurred.

**FLY FISH GUANAJA RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ENROLL WITH GLOBAL RESCUE OR RIPCORD PRIOR TO EMBARKING ON YOUR TRIP**



# ITINERARY

Friday



Friday's arrival into Roatan, Honduras, is directly from Houston, Dallas, Denver, Atlanta, or Miami.

Upon arrival in Roatan you will clear customs. Report that you are going to Fly Fish Guanaja in Mangrove Bight rather than try to explain the Faraway Cayes.

Once you clear customs, you will be met by Oliver, our local Honduran representative, or another Fly Fish Guanaja Representative. Oliver will assist you with the right taxi and manage all Roatan logistics.

We recommend the Pineapple Villas at Clarion Suites before and after your trip to Faraway and can help with the reservation.

[www.clarionroatan.com](http://www.clarionroatan.com)

# PACKING LIST

- Soft-sided luggage is suggested
- Updated Passport - Honduras requires your passport to be good for six months from arrival.
- Plane Ticket
- Cash
- Personal Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Headlamp
- Polarized sunglasses
- Light Raincoat
- Flats fishing booties (neoprene/rubber boot that covers the ankle)

## FISHING GEAR

- Hemostats • Clippers •
- Rods: 8 - 10 weight rods  
(9ft 8wt most practical all-around rod)

Reels: Any quality reel with a sound drag system and at least 300yards of 30lb backing

Lines: Saltwater floating line

## FLIES

### Permit Flies

- Avalon
- Kathy's Fleeing Crab
- Spawning Shrimp
- Tequila Twister
- Pato Crab
- Flexo Crab
- Danger Muffin
- Kung Fu Crabs

Sizes: 2, 4 & 6

Colors: Olive, white, tan variations  
Weed guards preferred

### Bonefish Flies

- Crazy Charlie • Blind Charlie • Kwan
- Bonefish Bitter • Spawning Shrimp
  - Bonefish Slider • Gotcha

Sizes: 6,8

Colors: Olive, white, tan, variations  
Weed guards preferred

Gummy Minnows are a secret weapon for many situations - Sizes 2,4,6,8

# SATURDAY

Your adventure to Faraway Cayes begins!

Transfer from Roatan to Faraway Keys: At 6 am, take a 1-hour flight from Roatan to Puerto Lempira on a 19-seat twin-engine private charter.

Transfer to a 45-foot twin-engine diesel speed boat for a 50-mile run to the Faraway Cayes. The trip usually takes 3 hours.

Lunch at Faraway Cayes with an afternoon fishing session.

**SUNDAY / MONDAY / TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY**

Full days guided Fly Fishing

# FRIDAY

Early morning fishing session. Return boat ride to Puerto Lempira to catch midday flight back to Roatan. Saturday international flight back home.



# PACKAGE DETAILS

## Included:

6 Nights Accommodation  
6 days of Guided Fly Fishing  
Meals  
Beer, Wine, Rum, Sodas and water  
In Roatan, you can purchase specialty bottles  
and bring them to Faraway Cayes.

## Not Included:

Stay in Roatan  
Gratuities

Price is based on double occupancy.  
Inquire for single angler & group rates.



FLY FISH GUANAJA

[www.flyfishguanaja.com](http://www.flyfishguanaja.com)

[info@flyfishguanaja.com](mailto:info@flyfishguanaja.com)